

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
MAY 2, 1956

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, May 2, 1956; Councilmen Fuller, Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson, and Mitchell (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller also present.

COMMUNICATIONS

PINKERTON- REYNOLDS- CLUFF-FLORAL ROAD	Copy of a letter from County Counsel Dickenson to Frank Reynolds in reply to Mr. Reynold's request for a single street name for Pinkerton-Reynolds- Cluff-Floral road. In his letter Mr. Dickenson outlined the procedure for changing the name of the street.
ABC LICENSES	Two applications for Alcoholic Beverage licenses as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On Sale Beer for Adele S. Madrid of the Resbalon Cafe at 110 N. Sacramento St.</li> <li>2. Off-sale Beer and Wine for Jerry Staveris at 125 North Sacramento Street.</li> </ol>
NEEDHAM SCHOOL PTA	Letter from the Needham School Parent Teachers' Association thanking the City Council for the installation of traffic signals at the corner of Lodi Avenue and Church Street, and requesting that consideration be given to the additional installation of "walk and wait" at this intersection. Councilman Robinson stated that he wished to go on record as being in favor of the "walk and wait" signs. He stated that he had expected their installation to be made at the same time as the signal installation. Mr. Weller explained that the installation of the signals had been authorized by the City Council and the "walk and wait" signs would have been in excess of this authorization. The Council agreed that the desirability of the "walk and wait" signs should be investigated through the National Safety Council and school authorities.
TRAFFIC LIGHTS	
PLAYGROUND SURFING	Letter from the Needham School PTA endorsing the proposal of the Recreation Commission to turf the playgrounds at designated public schools. It was agreed by the Council that consideration should be given this matter in the future and requested cost estimates be prepared for study.
HARRIS WATER REQUEST	Letter from Dr. H. C. Harris, 39 North Ham Lane, requesting that the City Council authorize extension of water service to the Animal Hospital at the above address which is in unincorporated territory. Dr. Harris explained that he was agreeable to having his property annexed to the City at such time as his neighbors will join with him in a petition. His present source for water is from the Dow Nursery, but during the warm weather Mr. Dow uses all the water his pump can deliver. By general agreement the matter was held over until the next meeting to give the City Clerk the opportunity to check with the other property owners regarding the annexation possibility.
RES- TINY TING	Letter announcing the next meeting of the Cities and County of San Joaquin Association to be held in Manteca, May 10, 1956.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZONING LOTS Mayor Mitchell called for those persons interested in  
 8 AND 9 the proposed rezoning of Lots 8 and 9 of the Barbour-  
 BARBOUR- Beckman Tract from C-1 to R-3 to address the City  
 BECKMAN TR. Council. No protests to the rezoning, either written  
 or oral, were presented. Ordinance No. 556, amending  
 ORD. NO. 556 the Zoning Ordinance to provide for the described  
 INTRODUCED rezoning, was introduced on the motion of Councilman  
 Robinson, Katzakian second.

SACRAMENTO ST. Mr. Arthur W. Hellberg, 8 West Lodi Avenue, addressed  
 SET-BACK LINE the Council to request consideration to be given to his  
 application for a building permit to make an addition  
 to his building at the corner of Lodi Avenue and  
 Sacramento Street. The City Manager explained that  
 the requested building permit was withheld because  
 the proposed addition would be in violation of Or-  
 dinance No. 536, establishing a building set-back  
 of five feet from the present property line or 30  
 feet from the center line of Sacramento Street. He  
 also submitted a drawing by the City Engineer which  
 would provide a possible solution to the problem but  
 would necessitate an amendment to Ordinance No. 536.  
 The Engineer's proposal would not affect the ultimate  
 width of the street for set-back line south of the  
 alley between Lodi Avenue and Chestnut Street, but  
 would provide for the adjustment of the set-back line  
 on the east side of the street north of the alley,  
 extended easterly, to gradually move the set-back line  
 to the east until it reaches a point 35 feet from  
 the center line of Sacramento Street at the Lodi Ave-  
 nue intersection. The present curb line on the  
 west side of the street north of the alley would not  
 be affected except to narrow the sidewalk slightly  
 in the immediate vicinity of the alley. The Sacra-  
 mento Street curb lines, north and south of Lodi Ave-  
 nue, would, under this proposal, be in closer alignment.  
 Councilman Robinson stated that the present set-back  
 line was established by ordinance after public hear-  
 ings were held before the City Planning Commission  
 and City Council and the City Council is now powerless  
 to grant a building permit until the ordinance is  
 amended. He added that other people may be interested  
 in the proposed change. On the motion of Councilman  
 Hughes, Katzakian second, the Council set the question  
 of amending the set-back ordinance for public hearing  
 before the City Council at its next meeting, May 16,  
 1956, and referred the matter to the Planning Commis-  
 sion for a report and recommendation to be presented  
 at that meeting.

## REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

RAILROAD The City Manager reported that Southern Pacific Company  
 CROSSING had submitted an agreement for approval of the City  
 LIGHTS Council providing for the installation of two flood  
 lights at the Elm Street crossing and four flood  
 lights at the Pine Street crossing of the railroad  
 tracks. Under the terms of the proposed agreement  
 the City would install the lights and the Southern  
 Pacific Company will reimburse the City for 50% of  
 the cost. Resolution No. 1922, approving the terms  
 of the contract and authorizing the Mayor to execute  
 the same on behalf of the City, was adopted on the  
 motion of Councilman Fuller, Hughes second.

## CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$102,593.93 were approved on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second.

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

FRONT YARD  
REQUIREMENTS

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the amendment of Sections 5.3 and 7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 469, to provide for reducing the minimum set-back requirements in residential districts from 25 to 20 feet in the R-1 and R-2 Districts and from 20 to 15 feet in the R-3 District. The City Clerk was instructed to set the matter for public hearing on May 16, 1956.

CENTRAL AVENUE  
EXTENSION

A recommendation from the Planning Commission that the City Council authorize the extension of North Central Avenue north across the railroad tracks to intersect with Lockeford Street. The suggestion of Councilman Fuller that no action be taken on the matter until a report could be secured from the City Engineer was accepted without objection.

FINAL MAP  
MONTCLAIR  
PARK

A final map entitled "Montclair Park" was presented for approval. The final map was approved and the Mayor was authorized to sign said map on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Hughes second. The acceptance of the streets offered for dedication is subject to improvement of the streets to City standards before they will be maintained by the City.

WASHINGTON  
TRIP EXPENSES

Mayor Mitchell then stated that it was his understanding Councilman Robinson had incurred some personal expense in connection with his recent trip to Washington, D. C. which was made at the request of the City Council. In reply to a question directed to him by the mayor, Councilman Robinson stated that his total expenses incurred on behalf of the City was \$192.50. A motion by Councilman Fuller, Hughes second, that the City reimburse Councilman Robinson in the amount of \$192.50 was passed by unanimous vote.

HUGHES TO  
C.P.C.

Mayor Mitchell then stated that he wished to appoint Councilman Hughes to the City Planning Commission as the representative of the City Council and to serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

FULLER TO  
PENSION BD.

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Mayor Mitchell also asked that Councilman Hughes continue to represent the City of Lodi on the County-wide committee studying the dog and pound problem.

## LODI LAKE PARK

The City Manager read a letter from Mr. Newton B. Drury, Chief, Division of Beaches and Parks, dated April 30, 1956, stating that the deed for Lodi Lake Park had not been recorded by the State Director of Finance, and until this is done the Division of Beaches and Parks is unable to expend money for its development and operation. His letter explained that although the Legislature provided funds for the acquisition of

the Park, these funds will not be available in time for acquisition of the Park prior to the summer season. He suggested that the City budget funds of operation through the summer under the terms of the contract between the State and the City. He finally stated that under the proper conditions the State may be in a position to assume operations of the Park as of October 1, 1956.

MAYOR'S  
REMARKS

Mayor Mitchell then addressed the Council with the following remarks:

, "I have a few remarks that I would like to make at this time. As I said, when I took the office of Mayor, one thing I would ask for was that of harmony and cooperation. In addition to that, I am requesting that all of our undertakings be honest and above-board. Also, that the decisions we make are properly understood and that alibis are done away with. Instead, let the citizens and taxpayers have an honest answer as to why things are delayed or put off.

"That we quit stalling when certain things are set to be accomplished and get the job done instead of taking a couple of years to do it. If there is a delay, let's have the answer from the department involved and the reason why the work was not completed when delegated to them to do.

"I for one, as your Mayor, and I believe I speak for the rest of the Council, do not like to be insulted and to be called a 'do-nothing' Council. I am not going to sit still and listen to these statements without getting an answer as to why the insults and statements are made. I fully realize that we must plan for the future, but I do not believe that some of the things that have not been completed in the past two years should be put off for another two years.

"There are some items on our capital outlay program that cannot be completed in two or three years, but there are many things that could and should have been done these past two years. If they had been completed, we would not be in for the reputation of being a 'nothing done' Council.

"I believe that when the taxpayers of Lodi put tax money into our capital outlay fund each year, that they want it spent for current improvements now instead of setting it aside for some year in the future where many like myself would never see any benefit from our tax money. The criticism that we received from our Recreation Department, for example, on the building of the two swimming pools, was right in condemning us for our stalling or their own stalling or passing the buck. In my opinion one pool should be under construction at the present time or near completion as well as the turfing of some playground.

"And regarding some of our street work, I believe the property owners should be given an answer when they ask about a street being improved, for example, South Lee Avenue. I realize that all jobs cannot be completed at once, but for example the work on North Central Avenue, which was delegated to be done when Councilman Fuller was the Mayor, has just been or is being completed. Another example of delay is the widening of East Oak Street. We are also being condemned every day in regards to the bottleneck on Lodi Avenue between School Street and the Southern Pacific tracks. I recall that when our former Mayor, Willard Robinson, asked me to check with him to see if we could help in getting things going in this

situation, we were told by a member of the Council that we had no business in sticking our noses or something to that effect, into this project at all, so accordingly we did not, and the bottleneck still exists.

"Another thing I wish to call attention to is the dirt levee on Laurel Avenue. Let's give the property owners an answer as to what the Engineering Department plans to do.

"Now regarding the new fire house, which Willard drew so much criticism from some members of the Council and Management, I probably should share in those statements that were made concerning location. I probably was one of the first and still do believe that the Emerson School location was an ideal spot for a new fire house. I do not agree with everything in the Master Plan, but I wish you would read pages 94 and 95 regarding our Fire Department for Lodi.

"I am requesting at this time that each member of the Council be given a plot map of our property at the Sewage Disposal Plant and locations of the present buildings. I am told this consists of about nineteen acres. I also wish a map made in like manner of the No. 1 Fire House and of the City Water Works location and also of the Emerson School block. A map in like manner should be made of Blakely Park.

"Members of the Council and Management, all I ask is your cooperation and I know if we all work together, we shall do much for the betterment of our City.

"And to the Citizens of Lodi, I invite you to attend our meetings which are on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you have any complaints or ideas, will you kindly give them to our City Manager in order that he may investigate and bring them before the City Council for action.

"I thank you for the time I have taken, but this is my thinking in a few words. It is also my desire that no discussion or remarks on the subjects mentioned be made at this meeting."

#### PLOT MAPS

Mayor Mitchell also requested that plot maps of the 19 acre sewage disposal area, the 303 acre disposal area, and maps of other City installations be prepared for each Councilman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 on the order of the Mayor.

ATTEST: HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk